

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1650-01
Bill No.: HB 614
Subject: Business and Commerce; Motor Carriers; Transportation
Type: Original
Date: May 30, 2001

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highway Fund	(\$1,325)	(\$1,590)	(\$1,590)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	(\$1,325)	(\$1,590)	(\$1,590)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Local Government	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

The **Department of Public Safety - Missouri State Highway Patrol** indicated this proposal would have no fiscal impact on their agency.

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development - Division of Motors Carriers and Railroad Safety** stated MCRS would no longer include 7-passenger minivans for registered passenger carriers. MCRS conducted a random sample survey of registered intrastate passenger carriers. The survey resulted in a estimate of 159 vehicles in the category of 7-passenger mini van. Identification decals are \$10 per vehicle, subsequently MCRS estimated a negative fiscal impact of \$1,590.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
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HIGHWAY FUND

<u>Cost</u> - Carriers no longer registering	<u>(\$1,325)</u>	<u>(\$1,590)</u>	<u>(\$1,590)</u>
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
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<u>Income</u> - Permit and Fee Income	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

According to officials from the **Department of Economic Development - Division of Motor Carrier and Railroad Safety (MCRS)**, a small business passenger carrier that operates 7-passenger minivans will be impacted. Currently 7-passenger minivans are regulated by the State of Missouri, Division of Motor Carrier and Railroad Safety (MCRS). For-hire passenger carriers operating vehicles that carry 7 - 15 persons, including the driver, must register with MCRS and are sometimes referred to as "limos" because the majority of vehicles that fall into the category are limousines. There is no fee to register the carrier company with MCRS. Carriers must purchase identification decals at \$10 per vehicle for each vehicle they operate. Many limousine operators are adding 7-passenger minivans to their fleets. Municipalities and counties cannot regulate or license carriers that are registered by the State. Changing the definition of taxicab to include 7-passenger minivans will result in a requirement by those minivans to be licensed as taxicabs in municipalities and counties that have a taxi license program.

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business (Continued)

There can be a significant cost to a business to register as a taxi business in large cities. In St. Louis County there is a \$1,000 annual fee per vehicle plus annual inspection fees per vehicle. Kansas City charges new applicants a \$500 non-refundable application fee. Kansas City may restrict the issuance of permits to operate a taxi business. If a new applicant is approved to operate, Kansas City charges a \$200 annual fee per vehicle plus inspection fees and airport trip fees.

DESCRIPTION

This bill revises the definition of "taxicab" by increasing the maximum number of passengers from 5 to 6, exclusive of the driver, and not operated on a regular route or between fixed termini.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Economic Development
Division of Motor Carriers and Railroad Safety
Department of Public Safety
Missouri State Highway Patrol



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